

Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Meeting
September 14th, 2019
Milton Town Hall
Joint Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee Budget Review Meeting

Board of Selectmen Attendance: Chairman Ryan Thibeault, Vice Chair Erin Hutchings, Andy Rawson, Town Administrator; Ernie Creveling, Recording Clerk; Danielle Marique

Budget Committee Attendance: Tom McDougall, Peg Hurd, Denis Woods, Humphrey Williams, Bob Carrier, Tammy Smith, Larry Brown

Department Employee Attendance: Police Chief; Richard Krauss, Fire Chief; Nick Marique, DPW; Pat Smith, Assessing Director; Kathy Wallingford, Library Director; Betsy Baker, Town Planner; Bruce Woodruff, Wastewater Operator; Dale Sprague, Town Clerk Tax Collector; Michelle Beauchamp, Recreation Director; Karen Brown

Public Attendance: Richard Burke, Rhonda Burke, Stan Nadeau

Meeting call to order

R. Thibeault welcomed all in attendance and deferred to Budget Committee Chairman McDougall to open the Budget Committee meeting.

Budget Presentation

R. Thibeault stated the purpose of the presentation was to review and listen to the department and administrators suggestions with minimal questions to be asked. A full review and collaboration of suggestions would forth come at a later date.

E. Creveling stated the following presentation reflects a comparison of requests from 2019 to 2020. Along with increases and decreases with the line changes for each department. There have been wage increases for employees who have not received any pay study reflectiveness. There is a proposal where three departments (Administration, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Recreation/Code) which have adjusted current part-time employees to full time, based upon the department heads' stated needs. The total proposed budget of 2002 is at \$4,711,728.00 reflecting an increase over 2019 of \$148,305. The following reflect the total to date proposed request and major line adjustments;

- **Town Administration**
E. Creveling presented as total budget request of \$301,777 reflecting a \$6,713 increase over 2019. The largest increase in the administration budget is reflective of salary adjustments and adding a part time position that would be a full time employee split between two positions within the Town.
- **Town Clerk/Tax Collector**
M. Beauchamp presented as total budget request of \$135,863 reflecting a \$12,922 increase over 2019. The largest increase is reflective of salary adjustments due to proposing a full time employee to encourage longevity amongst the department.
- **Treasurer**
Request remains the same as 2019 of \$10,381

- Fire
N. Marique presented as a budget request of \$442,903 reflecting a \$26.00 decrease. H. Williams and A. Rawson both congratulated N. Marique and Captain Biron on the FEMA Grant awarded for the use of 25 air packs.
- Planning & Code
E. Creveling presented as a budget request of \$121,142 reflecting an increase of \$22,694 over 2019 due to adding an additional part time position that would be a full time employee split between two positions within the Town.
- Planning Board
E. Creveling presented as a budget request of \$1,052 reflecting a decrease of \$698 from 2019 due to the creation and use of an escrow system for associated fees.
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
E. Creveling presented as a budget request of \$650 reflecting a decrease of \$850 from 2019 due to the creation and use of escrow system for associated fees.
- Conservation Commission
E. Creveling presented as a budget request of \$5,856 reflecting a decrease of \$267 from 2019.
- Emergency Management
Request remains the same at \$5,308
- Highway
P. Smith presented as a budget request of \$720,612 reflecting an increase of \$80,136 over 2019 due to salary adjustments. Also reflective of employee testing more adequate and associated costs reflected to contract street sweeping and line striping.
- Solid Waste
P. Smith presented as a budget request of \$204,421 reflecting an increase of \$15,380 over 2019 due to salary adjustments and disposal tipping fees reportedly increasing 3%.
- Outside Appropriations
E. Creveling presented as a budget request of \$25,927 reflecting an increase of \$3,325 over 2019 due to three associations requesting slight increases and a new agency request to which a few others have recently been received not reflected in the presentation.
- Welfare
E. Creveling presented as a budget request of \$47,782 reflecting a decrease of \$18,614 from 2019 due to general assistance lines being reduced due to usage. Decrease also reflects salary more appropriately reflective. D. Marique stated the budget request reflects a proposal of a one-time purchase of welfare reporting computer software program of \$750.
- Recreation
K. Brown presented as a budget request of \$89,561 reflecting an increase of \$26,981 over 2019 due to salary adjustments.